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*In re* Application of: Lixiao Wang :  
Serial No.: 08/685,338 :  
Filed: July 23, 1996 :  
Title: HIGH COMPLIANCE, HIGH STRENGTH :  
CATHETER BALLOONS USEFUL FOR :  
TREATMENT OF GASTROINTESTINAL :  
LESIONS :

**DECISION ON PETITION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.59**

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.59(b), filed December 6, 2004, to expunge information from the above identified application.

The petition is granted.

Petitioner requests that documents entitled, "Supplement to Greg Mitchell Declaration," and "Supplement to Jeffrey Bruce Declaration," filed on November 5, 2004, be expunged from the record. Petitioner states either: (A) that the information contains trade secret material, proprietary material and/or material that is subject to a protective order which has not been made public; or (B) that the information submitted was unintentionally submitted and the failure to obtain its return would cause irreparable harm to the party who submitted the information or to the party in interest on whose behalf the information was submitted, and the information has not otherwise been made public.

M.P.E.P. 724.04 states, in part,

With the mailing of the notice of abandonment, if a petition to expunge has been filed, irrespective of whether the materials are found to be important or not to a reasonable examiner in deciding on patentability, the petition to expunge will be granted and the materials expunged.

On January 21, 2005, a notice of abandonment was issued on the above identified application.

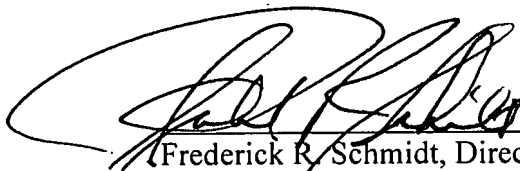
Office records indicate that the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(g) has not been paid. However, the petition contains an authorization to charge the necessary petition fee to Deposit Account No. 22-0350. Accordingly, the application is being forwarded to the Head Supervisor Examiner to charge the \$200 fee to the authorized deposit account.

Applicant is required to retain the expunged material(s) for the life of any patent which issues on the above-identified application.

The expunged material has been removed from the official file. It has been closed from public view.

Any questions regarding this decision should be directed to Jessica Harrison, Technology Center 3700 Special Programs Examiner at 571-272-4449

PETITION GRANTED

  
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Frederick R. Schmidt, Director  
Technology Center 3700